

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display apparatus configured to have a liquid crystal layer interposed between a first substrate and a second substrate, characterized by comprising:

a plurality of pixels which are disposed in a matrix in a display region that displays an image, the pixels including a first pixel with a first gap for interposition of the liquid crystal layer between the first substrate and the second substrate, and a second pixel with a second gap that is smaller than the first gap, the first pixel including a first color filter layer that has a first film thickness and mainly passes first color light, and the second pixel including a second color filter layer that has a second film thickness, which is greater than the first film thickness, and mainly passes second color light, the first color light having a wavelength that is greater than a wavelength of the second color light; and

a columnar spacer for creating the second gap, the columnar spacer being disposed ~~not at the first pixel but as the second color filter layer at~~ on the second pixel,

wherein

the columnar spacer is formed of a negative-type photosensitive resin material, and

the columnar spacer has light shield properties.

Claims 2-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Original): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 2, characterized by further comprising a light shield layer that is disposed in a picture-frame

shape along a peripheral edge of the display region, the columnar spacer and the light shield layer being formed of the same material.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 5 1, characterized in that the first substrate includes the first color filter layer, the second color filter layer and the columnar spacer, and

the first substrate further includes scan lines disposed in a row direction, signal lines disposed in a column direction, switching elements disposed near intersections of the scan lines and the signal lines, and pixel electrodes that are connected to the switching elements and are disposed in a matrix.

Claim 7 (Original): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that said plurality of pixels include a third pixel with a third gap that is smaller than the second gap.

Claim 8 (Original): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that said plurality of pixels include a third pixel with a third gap that is greater than the first gap.

Claim 9 (Canceled).